

Deudraeth Rural District Council.



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DEUDRAETH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1954.

To: The Chairman and Members of the
Deudraeth Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Health Report for the
year ended 31st December, 1954.

The health of the community remained generally good.

There was an epidemic of whooping cough during the year,
but apart from Tuberculosis, other notifications of infectious
diseases were low. There were no cases of food poisoning.

Notifications of Tuberculosis were higher than in the
previous year and were higher in the age group 45 - 65.

Cancer mortality was higher than in 1953. Deaths
from Diseases of the circulatory system were again high.
This proportion reflects the ageing population of the Country
generally.

Three Slaughter houses were licensed when the control
of slaughtering passed from the Ministry of Food.

Progress in Housing, Water and Sewerage Schemes was
steady.

I should like to thank Mr. Morris Jones for his co-
operation and also Mr. Hughes for his help in the compilation
of this report.

I am,
Your obedient Servant,

EVAN RICHARDS

District Medical Officer
of Health.



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ANNUAL REPORT, 1954.

GENERAL SANITARY CONDITION.

SEWERAGE.

The first instalment of the improved scheme at Harlech was completed during the year and a start was made on the second instalment. Plans for an improved disposal scheme for Gellilydan Village were completed and approved and this Scheme should be commenced during 1955. Plans for a Disposal Scheme for Maentwrog Village already prepared and awaiting approval. The Council have also minor Schemes in mind for the Villages of Ynys and Glanywern, Talsarnau and Gwynfryn Llanbedr.

WATER.

Consideration has been given to implementing the supply at Croesor. An extension of about 400 yards of water main is being prepared for Soar, Talsarnau. The scheme of water supply to Maentwrog Village was completed during the year. Bacteriological analysis of samples of water from the various supplies in the district are taken regularly.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

New conveniences have been completed at Talsarnau and plans have been prepared for conveniences at Minffordd, Penrhynedeudraeth. Proposals are still under consideration for conveniences at Llandanwg Beach, Llanfrothen, Bronaber and Gellilydan and additional conveniences at Harlech.

REFUSE COLLECTION.

Weekly domestic collection is undertaken by Council's own vehicle.

RODENT CONTROL.

This service is carried out jointly with the Ffestiniog U.D.C. a full time officer being employed for both districts. Refuse sites and sewers inspected and treated regularly.

DISINFECTING.

Disinfecting of infective premises undertaken by fumigating and spraying.

HOUSING.

A considerable number of names still appear on the Council's register of applicants for houses although 181 houses have been built since 1945, of which 14 were completed during the year, and a further 25 due to be completed. Schemes are proposed for a further 45 which will eventually bring the total number provided to 251 (post-war) and 43 (pre-war). Arrangements have already commenced in surveying the district in readiness for the proposed programme of slum clearance.

HOUSING ACT, 1949.

The Council has already made a number of grants and intend launching a campaign in 1955 in order to make the advantages better known.

Signed MORRIS JONES
Sanitary Inspector.

December, 1955.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area of Rural District 75,493
 Rateable Value £23,796
 Population (Registrar General's figures) 6,640
 Sum represented by a Penny Rate £90. 6. 9a.
 Number of inhabited houses (according to Rate Books) at end of year 2,500

COMPARABILITY FACTORS.

Births 1.18
 Deaths 0.85

VITAL STATISTICS.

Net Births

(Live & Still) 92
 Births (Live) 91
 Births (Still) 1

LIVE BIRTH RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION 13.7

LIVE BIRTHS 91

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Total	53	38
Legitimate	52	38
Illegitimate	1	
Illegitimate Birth Rate (Percentage of Total Live Births)		
= 1.1		

DEATHS

Total Number - 122

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Rate per 1,000 population		
18.37	66	56
1953 figures 16.78		

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>3 Females.</u>
Total	3		-
Legitimate	3		-
Illegitimate	-		-

Infant Mortality (Rate per 1,000 Live Births) 32.97
 1953 figures 32.26

Deaths of Legitimate Infants
 Mortality (per 1,000 live births) 33.33

Deaths of Illegitimate Infants
 Mortality (per 1,000 live births) Nil

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 4 WEEKS.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Total	2	-
Legitimate	2	-
Illegitimate	-	-

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

(Deaths connected with childbirth and pregnancy - Nil.

DEATHS FROM CANCER.

Total - 21

Rate per 1,000 population - 3.16

DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS.

Total - 3

Rate per 1,000 population - 0.45

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

(1) PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY.

One Medical Officer of Health.

One Sanitary Inspector.

(2) LABORATORY FACILITIES.

Water Analysis (Chemical) carried out by Mr. Harold Lowe, Public Analyst, Chester.

Water Analysis (Bacteriological) and milk examination for cleanliness and keeping quality by the Public Health Laboratory, Aberystwyth.

(3) AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

One Ambulance stationed at Penrhyndeudraeth.

(4) INFANT WELFARE CLINICS.

Penrhyndeudraeth - held fortnightly in the Aelwyd Building.

Harlech - held monthly at the Free Library.

Trawsfynydd - held monthly at the Congregational Chapel Vestry.

(5) ANTE NATAL CLINICS.

Held at the Out-Patients' Department, Memorial Hospital, Blaenau Ffestiniog every two weeks.

(6) ORTHOPAEDIC CLINIC.

Held fortnightly at the Clinic, Wynne Road, Blaenau Ffestiniog.

(7) TUBERCULOSIS CLINIC.

Held every week at the Clinic, Wynn Road, Blaenau Ffestiniog.

(8) DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

Arranged by the County Medical Officer of Health.

Immunisation of babies and young children carried out at the Primary School.

(9) HOSPITALS.

There is no Hospital situated in the area.

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Total number of Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) notified during the year = 67

Scarlet Fever	-	4
Bacillary Dysentery	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	61
Measles	-	1
Infantile Paralysis	-	-
Pneumonia	-	1

TUBERCULOSIS.

NEW CASES 16

Pulmonary	Total	13
	Males	8
	Females	5
Non-pulmonary	Total	3
	Males	2
	Females	1

TUBERCULOSIS DEATHS.

3

Pulmonary	Total	1
	Males	1
	Females	-
Non-pulmonary	Total	2
	Males	1
	Females	1

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1954 IN AGE GROUPS.

AGE PERIODS	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	RESPIRATORY		NON-RESPIRATORY		RESPIRATORY		NON-RESPIRATORY	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0								
1								
2			1					
5								
10		1						
15	1	1						
20	1	1						
25	2	1	1	1				
35								
45	2							
55	2							
65		1						
75								
Totals	8	5	2	1				

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	M.	F.
Tuberculosis Pulmonary	1	-
Acute Poliomyelitis		
Cancer Stomach	9	1
" Lung	1	1
" Breast		
" Other sites	-	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	15	13
Coronary disease, angina	5	5
Hypertension with heart disease	2	1
Other heart disease	10	20
Other circulatory disease	1	1
Influenza	1	1
Pneumonia	2	-
Bronchitis	3	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	0
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4	3
Motor vehicle accidents	1	1
All other accidents	1	1
Suicide	1	-
Tuberculosis, other	1	1
Other infective and parasitic diseases	2	-
Other Malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	3	4
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
Congenital Malformations	1	-
TOTAL	66	56
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NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

No action was taken under this Act, but supervision was maintained in some cases.



